

REMARKS

The Section 112 rejection is maintained, asserting that the specification discloses at page 7, lines 4-5, that the first and second tiles are overlaid by the layer. But this is not what is in the specification. The citation to page 7, lines 4-5, is, in fact, "in Figure 3, each layer 10 and 12 is overlaid by a layer 16." The Examiner misquotes the specification, suggesting that the first and second tiles are overlaid by the layer. This is plainly incorrect. The specification actually says that the layers 10 and 12 are overlaid by the layer 16. Referring to Figure 3, it is seen that the tile set forth in claim 16 then can be made of a layer 10 and a layer 16 on one side and a layer 12 and a layer 20 on the other side. The elements 10 and 12 are utilized for slightly different things in different figures. For example, in Figure 1, a different structure is used and a tile is indicated by 10 and 12. However, in Figure 3, a plainly different structure is disclosed and the items 10 and 12 are described as layers. Thus, it is perfectly consistent to call the tile covered in claim 16 the thing that includes both the layers 16 and 10 or 20 and 12. Therefore, claim 16 is supported by the specification.

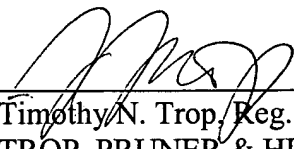
With respect to the prior art rejection, the reference does not teach solid transparent portions. It is argued that the reference to Greene shows a transparent portion made of a mask which is solid material. This is absolutely correct. The mask is made of solid material. But it has openings formed in it. These openings are not solid material. Thus, there is not a layer mounted on the panel including "a central, solid, more transparent portion" and "a peripheral, solid, less transparent portion." In other words, even if the mask were solid material, the only thing that is transparent is the holes through the mask and those holes are not solid.

This is plainly the case since, at the left edge of Figure 13, one can see that there is an indentation where nothing is shown to the left of the mask 57, shown in dark shading. There is simply no material in this area or it would have been drawn in. Thus, the mask, to the extent it is transparent, is because it has openings and openings cannot constitute solid, more transparent portions.

Therefore, the present application should now be in condition for allowance and the Examiner's prompt action in accordance therewith is respectfully requested.

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